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PRESS RELEASE

July 15, 2016

Some Folks are Slow Learners!

On Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at about 7:30pm, Sheriff Greg Capers led his deputies to an Illegal Game Room/Gambling operation at 5550 US 59 in Shepherd, Texas.

An undercover operation revealed that Illegal Gambling had started back up at this location and was about 2 weeks old. A Search Warrant was obtained and executed by the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office, assisted by San Jacinto County Precinct 2 Constable Roy Pippin and his deputies. Deputies found numerous persons in the building, including the game room owner - Jimmy Nguyen of Shepherd, TX. 8 persons were found to be gambling at the machines in the building. All persons were arrested on numerous charges from gambling (a class C Misdemeanor) up to Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity (a Felony).

The Sheriff's Office seized all property in the building, including the gambling machines. Approximately \$10,000 cash was located throughout the building. As the investigation continues it is expected to gain additional charges on several other persons who were involved in this criminal enterprise.

The largest raid in state history into Illegal Gambling and the Criminal Enterprises surrounding that business was conducted by Sheriff Capers on May 29, 2015. Jimmy Nguyen was charged in that investigation, however had fled to Vietnam. In late 2015, with the assistance of US Homeland Security, Nguyen was arrested at the Houston Intercontinental Airport as he returned to the United States. Nguyen plead guilty on all of the charges from the 2015 case only days before the current investigation resulted in the issuance of the search warrant executed on July 12, 2016.

In the original Illegal Gambling Raids, most of the class C Gambling charges were filed by citation to the offenders. The decision to make physical arrests on the Class C Offenses in this case was based on the idea that people should know by now, it is illegal to gamble in the State of Texas except in very few circumstances. An Illegal Game Room in an unmarked building off the side of the highway is not one of those circumstances.

The 8 'gamblers' went before Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Judge Harris Blanchette on the afternoon of July 13, 2016, where they plead guilty and fines were given regarding their offenses. One of the gamblers was asked why he did not simply drive up to the casino near Woodville where gambling is legal. The gambler stated, "That isn't gambling!" He gambled that he would not get caught this time – The message, Don't Gamble in San Jacinto County! The San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office has taken a Zero Tolerance Stance on any illegal activity in this county.

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| 815-16 | 32819 | 07/12/2016 | 07/13/2016 | | | SAN JACINTO COUNTY | MISC-GAMBLING | |
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| 823-16 | 32822 | 07/13/2016 | 07/13/2016 | | | SAN JACINTO COUNTY | MISC-GAMBLING | |

ALDERETE, PETE RANGEL III
Age: 36
Race: WHITE/CAUCASIAN
Sex: Male

SHEPHERD, TX

CARTER, CARRIE BOOKMON
Age: 69
Race: BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN
Sex: Female

LIVINGSTON, TX

CARTER, NATHANIEL
Age: 48
Race: BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN
Sex: Male

LIVINGSTON, TX



GARDNER,LYNTASHA VANEE
Age: 32
Race: BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN
Sex: Female

LIVINGSTON, TX

822-16 32821 07/13/2016 07/13/2016

SAN JACINTO COUNTY MISC-GAMBLING



KELSEY,MARY JANE
Age: 65
Race: WHITE/CAUCASIAN
Sex: Female

SHEPHERD, TX

821-16 32814 07/13/2016 07/13/2016

SAN JACINTO COUNTY MISC-GAMBLING



KELSEY,SHARON RENEE
Age: 41
Race: WHITE/CAUCASIAN
Sex: Female

SHEPHERD, TX

813-16 32813 07/12/2016 07/13/2016

SAN JACINTO COUNTY MISC-GAMBLING



LE, DONG T
 Age: 27
 Race: UNKNOWN
 Sex: Male

GARLAND, TX

819-16 32062 07/12/2016 07/13/2016

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| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 39990001-GAMBLING PROMOTION | \$5000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 39210002-KEEPING A GAMBLING PLACE | \$5000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 39080002-POSS GAMBLING DEVICE/EQUIPMENT/PARAPH | \$5000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 26990153-MONEY LAUNDERING GT=\$1500LT\$20K | \$10000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 73991003-ENGAGING IN ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY | \$10000.00 |



NGUYEN, BACH
 Age: 47
 Race: ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER
 Sex: Male

GAINESVILLE, TX

816-16 32816 07/12/2016 07/13/2016

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| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 39990001-GAMBLING PROMOTION | \$5000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 39210002-KEEPING A GAMBLING PLACE | \$5000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 39080002-POSS GAMBLING DEVICE/EQUIPMENT/PARAPH | \$5000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | MISC-MONEY LAUNDERING | \$10000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 73991003-ENGAGING IN ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY | \$10000.00 |



NGUYEN, BAO QUOC
 Age: 27
 Race: ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER
 Sex: Male

 GRAND PRAIRIE, TX

825-16 32823 07/12/2016 07/13/2016

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| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 39990001-GAMBLING PROMOTION | \$5000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 39210002-KEEPING A GAMBLING PLACE | \$5000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 39080002-POSS GAMBLING DEVICE/EQUIPMENT/PARAPH | \$5000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 39080002-MONEY LAUNDERING | \$10000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 73991003-ENGAGING IN ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY | \$10000.00 |



NGUYEN, JIMMY
 Age: 46
 Race: ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER
 Sex: Male

 SHEPHERD, TX

818-16 32818 07/12/2016 07/13/2016

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| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 39990001-GAMBLING PROMOTION | \$5000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 39210002-KEEPING A GAMBLING PLACE | \$5000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 39080002-POSS GAMBLING DEVICE/EQUIPMENT/PARAPH | \$5000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 26990153-MONEY LAUNDERING GT=\$1500LT\$20K | \$10000.00 |
| SAN JACINTO COUNTY | 73991003-ENGAGING IN ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY | \$10000.00 |



SNOOK,ANGELA
Age: 43
Race: WHITE/CAUCASIAN
Sex: Male

LIVINGSTON, TX

820-16 32820 07/13/2016 07/13/2016

SAN JACINTO COUNTY MISC-GAMBLING



SNOOK,JAMES DANIEL
Age: 46
Race: WHITE/CAUCASIAN
Sex: Male

LIVINGSTON, TX

814-16 32815 07/12/2016 07/13/2016

SAN JACINTO COUNTY MISC-GAMBLING